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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Oroville – Mail Bomb Threats to President, Ex-Presidents Lead to Guilty Plea**

(U) An Oroville man plead guilty to a single count of using the mail to convey a malicious threat about an explosive device. Since January 2017 the suspect mailed more than 150 letters to President Trump, former presidents, an FBI agent, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and a number of individuals. The letters contained a number of death threats and extortion demands.

SOURCE: 3 January 2019, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Colombia – State Department Issues China Travel Warning**

(U) Washington – The State Department updated its travel advisory to China, warning Americans to be extra cautious about the “arbitrary enforcement of local laws” and restriction on “dual US-Chinese nationals.” The State Department warns that authorities can detain US citizens for “state security” for years by using “exit bans” that Americans might not be aware of until they try to leave the country. If arrested or detained, the State Department urges citizens to ask police to notify the US Embassy immediately.

SOURCE: 3 January 2019, [New York Post](#)

(U) Ohio – Man, Girlfriend Accused of Plotting Violent Attack

(U) Toledo – Federal prosecutors state an Ohio couple charged last month in a terrorism investigation is now accused of obtaining guns and explosives in a plot to kill others. Authorities in court documents believe the couple had talked about carrying out violence and had bomb-making supplies and weapons inside their home. Investigators also stated the two traveled to Colorado in 2018 to see the site of the Columbine High School massacre.

SOURCE: 3 January 2019, [Fox News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Kill Eight Police in Northern Afghanistan**

(U) Kabul – An Afghan official stated the Taliban killed eight police in an attack on their post in the provincial capital of the northern Baghlan province. Police battled the insurgents for four hours before reinforcements arrived and repulsed the Taliban attack, which also wounded two additional officers. The Taliban claimed responsibility. Afghanistan’s security forces come under near daily attack and generals fear the partial withdrawal of American troops will further embolden the insurgents.

SOURCE: 3 January 2019, [Washington Post](#)

(U) Myanmar – Rebels Kill 13 in Independence Day Attack on Myanmar Police Posts

(U) Yangon – Rakhine Buddhist insurgents killed 13 policemen and injured nine in attacks on four police posts in Myanmar’s Rakhine state as the country marked Independence Day. Fighting resurged in December between government forces and the rebel Arakan Army, which wants more autonomy for the

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Buddhist ethnic Rakhine minority.

SOURCE: 4 January 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Niger – Days of Raids Kill 280 Boko Haram Extremists

(U) Maiduguri— Niger's defense military stated that days of raids have killed more than 280 Boko Haram extremists near the border with Nigeria. Niger's statement advised that no troops were killed in the raids. Niger's defense minister feared Boko Haram would launch renewed attacks in January, when the Komadougou-Yobee River began to recede and no longer provided protection.

SOURCE: 3 January 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) Syria – Dozens Killed as al-Qaeda-linked Rebels try to Consolidate Control in Northern Syria

(U) Idlib – Dozens have been killed over the past three days in fighting between al-Qaeda-linked rebels and a coalition of groups backed by Turkey. Hayat Tahrir al-sham has captured several villages in Idlib and western Aleppo. More than 40 fighters and six civilians have been killed. The area in question is the last remaining holdout of opposition rebels in the country.

SOURCE: 3 January 2019, [UK - The Independent](#)

(U) Russia – US Citizen Charged with Espionage in Russia

(U) Moscow – An American man arrested in Russia has been formally charged with espionage moving the case into Russia's justice system and possibly deepening the diplomatic tensions with the United States. Paul Whelan, 48, who was born in Canada and once served in the Marines, was detained last week by Russia's domestic security services while he was in Moscow for what they described as a "spy mission." Whelan's family deny this claim, stating he was in Moscow to attend the wedding of a fellow Marine.

SOURCE: 3 January 2019, [The Daily Herald](#)

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